

# TRANSPORTATION MAINTENANCE & TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION WATERLOO REGION



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*It is through the collaborative relationships that we build with one another that we transform challenges into opportunities.*

## NOVEMBER 2014

### October Meeting:

The October meeting was hosted by **Reefer Sales & Service Inc.** Bruce Forbes gave a very informative presentation on the newest reefer technology.

### November Meeting:

The November meeting will be hosted by **Workforce Planning Board.** Attracting and retaining skilled workers is top-of-mind for business owners in the transportation industry. Workforce Planning Board will highlight two special initiatives underway that speak to understanding the industry's labor force needs and to supporting skill development through the apprenticeship system. Participants will learn about EmployerOne, a region-wide annual survey about labor force trends and needs, and about the *Apprenticeship Research Project*, that will inform a plan of action designed to help local businesses, current and potential apprentices. In addition, participants will learn how their local planning board creates solutions through collaboration and partnership.

### New Members:

Please welcome, Barry Peters of Altruck International Truck Centres and Keith Duncan of K-Dac Expedite.

### Sponsorship:

If anyone would like to sponsor a meeting or know of any **product** or **company** that would benefit from sponsoring, please contact any of your Executive members. Contact information can be found at [www.tmta.co](http://www.tmta.co)

### College of Trades:

To stay in touch with the progress and activities of the Ontario College of Trades go to their web site and sign up for the OCOT E-Newsletter. [www.collegeoftrades.ca](http://www.collegeoftrades.ca) As always you can also direct your questions to Jim Pinder.

### Special Notes:

**LADIES NIGHT** is just around the corner! As always it promises to be a wonderful evening. Festivities will be **November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014** at the Holiday Inn Kitchener. For tickets see any member of the Executive, price is \$113.00 tax included per couple. TMTA also has a block of rooms reserved at a discounted price. To book your room call 519-893-1211.

### From The Kitchen Staff:

The evenings' menu will be **Meat Lasagna with Prima Vera vegetables** and a medley of salads and desert.

### Meeting Information:

**MEETING PLACE:**

**Holiday Inn, Kitchener**

**MEETING DATE:**

**November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**DOORS OPEN:**

**5:30 pm**

**DINNER AT:**

**7:00 pm**